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NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-formal education centres are operating in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(b) whether all these centres are operating smoothly;

(c) if so, whether the Government have any scheme/proposals to set up more such centres in the States; and

(d) if so the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): The scheme of Non-Formal Education has been revised as the `Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & AIE)` with effect from1.4.2001. The scheme covers all States and Union Territories and envisages three broad kinds of strategies viz.:

i) setting up of schools in school-less habitations;
ii) Interventions for mainstreaming of 'out of school' children through bridge courses, back to school camps, etc.; and

iii) Strategies for very specific, difficult groups of children who cannot be mainstreamed.